Forced PE seen as travesty of free education

By Jan Sansom

Okay. So you've gotten your schedule worked out, and you're ready to start the new semester. Then you discover there's a law saying you've got to take a PE class if you're under 21, and you didn't sign up for one.

If you're lucky, you can get the gym class you want, moderately re-arrange your schedule and you're ready to go.

If you're not so lucky, well... you could a squeeze into a women's wrestling and water polo class, or you could try reworking your entire schedule (say good-bye to that class you looked forward to), or else all of the PE classes are full and you must drop most of your load.

What's behind this dilemma? A state law requiring all students under 21, enrolled in more than 8½ units, to take 120 minutes of physical education a week. The law goes back to the fact that junior colleges were originally a continuation of secondary schools. Statutes governing high school PE also applied to JC's.

Junior colleges have undergone some changes since then, and so have the students. There are many people who feel it's grossly unfair to force PE on some, and not on others.

What about the student who can't get into the course he'd like, and is just shuttled into any course that's open?

As a matter of fact, why have mandatory PE at all? By the time a student is in college, he should be capable of taking care of his own body.

The MPC physical education department is not the ogre behind the law. They recently voted 7-4 to discontinue the policy. They realize the learning environment is better when students are there of their own free will.

"The mandatory PE law binds us just as it binds the students," said Pat Elliott, division chairman. "As long as the law exists we must schedule our program around the 120-minute-per-week requirement, leaving us no flexibility in planning our courses," she said.

Nor does the administration adhere to a strict mandatory PE philosophy. "We're not interested in forcing students to take gym," said Dean Jack Bessire. "We're just going by the state law."

The first problem is a legal one. The law is very specific, according to Bessire. "Right now there is no JC in California that doesn't follow the regulation," he said.

There may be an answer in the new law granting adult privileges to 18-year-olds. The ruling will go into effect in March; and all laws containing the phrase "21 years old" must be changed to 18 years. In other words, anyone 18 or over would no longer be required to take PE at all, although all this is confused by pending legislation.

This leads to the other problem--a financial one. MPC is funded according to the number of students in class each day, or the average daily attendance. Since many students take PE, such a decrease in the ADA could mean a loss of close to $100,000. Obviously, a sudden loss this size could be disastrous to the college.

One possible solution to this problem might be to revamp the present PE program. Elliott feels that if the courses available were made more attractive and relevant to students, enrollment could be maintained.

For example, "why not let a mountain climber get one unit doing something which he's interested in, and good at?" suggested Elliott. There are several possibilities along this line, such as horse-back riding, judo and cycling.

Another solution might be changing the degree requirements. Why not have a three unit PE requirement like those for English, history, and health? Under this type of program, all students would be subject to the same regulations.

There are two elements to consider. The student shouldn't be forced into a course simply because he hasn't had enough birthdays. And the MPC budget can't afford an overnight $100,000 loss.

How about a compromise -- a transition from a rigid, discriminatory system to a just, flexible one without any battle scars?

MPC student Tim Thompson Carmel City Council candidate

By PK

Tim Thompson, 24-year-old MPC student, is the youngest candidate for the City Council of Carmel.

Thompson talked about his motives to an audience of ten in the Student Center, last week. When the audience did not increase, he addressed all the students in the Center, making his points while standing on a chair.

"It is essential to motivate young people to political action," Thompson stressed throughout the rap session. "This year is the first opportunity for this type of action," he added.

"The City Council is a group of politicians who are not representative and its policies are devouring the . . . Half of the traffic problem is from residents . . . There is no present restriction of business licenses," remarked Thompson.

As a solution to these problems he offered that his youthful ideas on the Council will represent people who care. Among specific ideas were the use of bicycles, strict licensing of business, and participation of the community in areas of preventing crime, voting, and environment control.

Appeals for help and participation in his campaign occurred frequently. "I have a lot of work and I can't get everything done," was a point he constantly stated.

The Council has a total of seven seats but only three vacancies for the April election. Thompson will be running against seven other candidates, two of whom are incumbents.

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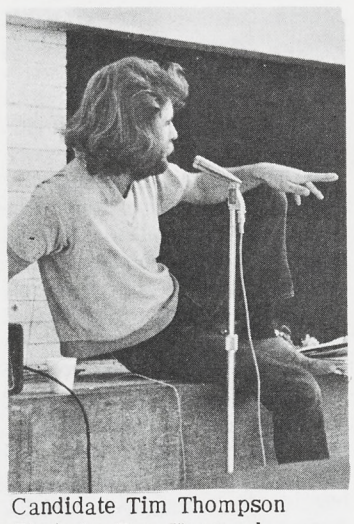


Candidate Tim Thompson
Photo by Tom Hayward

Students man peer counseling Rap Room

The Peer Counseling Room opened last week in B-12, but according to one member of the group, no one is aware of it. "The peer counseling program on campus just hasn't reached its maximum potential due to lack of publicity," said Rich Strassberg.

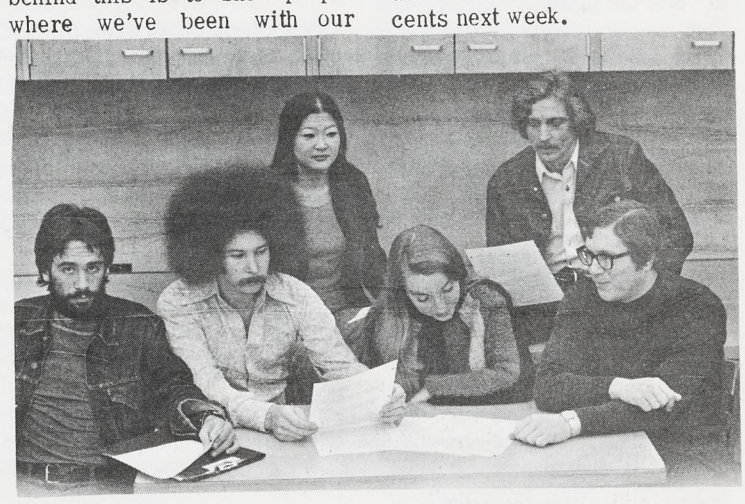
Not to be confused with the HEDP peer counseling program under direction of Otis Stevenson, the future of this extension of Project Aquarius depends on getting funds for a second year. "People always assumed our program was drug oriented, but actually we also counsel problem pregnancies, VD, boredom, family problems, runaways, suicides and breakdowns in interpersonal relationships," he said.

Members of the program are: Rich Strassberg, Mary Kim, Ilene Cashman and Jerry Bucciarelli. All have had training in counseling techniques and have been in the drug scene. The advisor is Mark Rutledge.

The Rap Room will be manned daily from 9 to 3 by at least one member of the program. People can just drop in or make an appointment to see the peer counselors. "Part of the theory behind this is to show people where we've been with our lives," said Strassberg. "Our goal is to try to reach out to communicate through the school and we want to rap with high school and junior high classes and community clubs. Maybe parents can relate to us and come to us for suggestions because their children are taking drugs."

Currently the peer counselors are working with referrals from the probation department, with the possibility of handling future parolees through the parole advisory board.

Their most recent achievement has been publication of a resource book, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the System but Were Afraid to Ask." The book contains a synopsis of educational, economic and medical services on the Monterey Peninsula and MPC. Some of the services included are the Legal Aid Society, Unplanned Pregnancies, Women's Liberation, YMCA, Harambe Medical Clinic, welfare services in the county and topics such as "Parks to Sleep In." There is reference material on who, when and where to contact for these services. The book will be on sale in the Student Boookstore for 15 cents next week.



COUNSELORS RAP. A new peer counseling group has been organized this semester, and its members are looking for "clients." Seated, from left, are Gerald Bucciareli, Rich Strassberg, Ilene Cashman and advisor Mark Rutledge. Standing are Mary Kim and Roger Sloboda. Roger works at Aquarian House, which is tied into the counseling program. Photo by Bob Leone.

At Aquarian benefit

Gregory rips drugs, violence, urges "understand your power"

By Jan Sansom

Dick Gregory pleaded with young people to inform themselves, because "there's not much time left" in this "most oppressive, racist country in the world."

The black social critic, entertainer, anti-war protester, humantarian, and the list goes on, spoke here last Friday to a crowd of nearly 1,100 persons.

The 99-lb. Gregory, who has been on a ten-month anti-war fast, appealed to young people, as the "most honest, ethical group" in the nation, to work towards positive change.

The Community Centered High School sponsored Gregory's appearance as a benefit for Project Aquarius.

"You young people must understand your power," the slight comedian urged. But he stressed that power is youth's moral commitment rather than its physical force. He deplored violence saying, "I have no use for someone who uses violence as a means to achieve anything."

Gregory also came down on drugs. He asked those people who view drug use as an anti-system act, "Who do you think supplies the dope to you?" He declared, "If you have to drink liquor and smoke marijuana to change the system, then leave the system as it is."

He attacked the "right-wing cracker newspapers," those "slimy, degenerate politicians," and a public education system that "teaches people how to make a living instead of how to live."

Gregory demanded political reform declaring "now we can only elect, not select our candidates." The Black critic urged his predominately white audience to create independent political parties.

He also appealed for more rights for women and the aged, and told young people to change the "civil rights movement to a motion for increased human rights."

Gregory's last plea, "you youngsters have a big job and you haven't got much time," met with a standing ovation.

Dick Gregory urges youth to get it together, '...you haven't got much time.' Photo by Janet Madison

Editorial

Educated Involvement

By Paul Krizinauskas

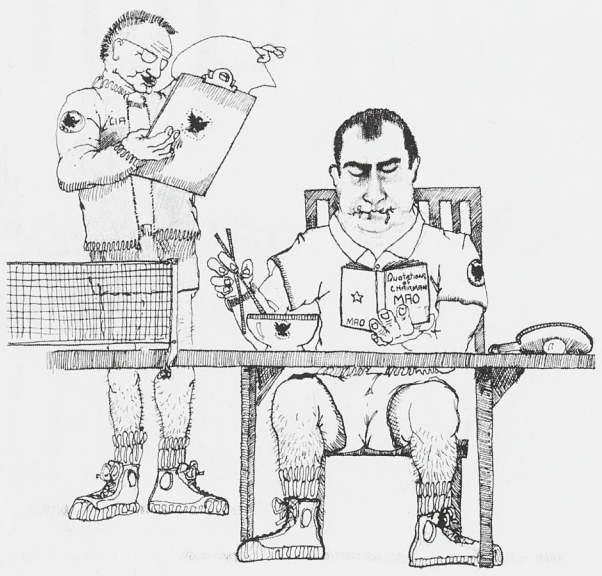
When men take a position it can be said that they are involved. In order that they can make a decision they must be informed of the existing conditions. They must, also, realize the results of their action; they must be convinced that what will happen is what they want.

There are those who take sides; people make such decisions. It has been observed that some of these people cannot answer questions related to what they are doing. For example, a person in student government who cannot explain an item for which he voted in favor. Again, a person cannot tell why he believes one group of speakers should be shut up but not his group.

There are people who know all sides of a question and they are not active. In this case they know the consequences; obviously, this person has decided the results of nonaction to be trivial. An example, the person who does not support his local hamburger stand.

On one hand the consequences are minor and are known to be so. On the other, the uninformed participator believes that the results of his action are always beneficial.

This is not a suggestion to give everyone an excuse to sit in the corner and feel righteous. It does suggest that there is more involved than informed doer and uninformed non-doer. When there is a request for participation, learn what will occur if action is or is not taken.



Jesus is here and you damn well better believe

Guest editorial by Frank McGovern

You better not curse; you better not lie; you better not gamble; I'm telling you why--Jesus Christ is coming to town!

The Jesus Christ Crusade is coming to the Monterey Peninsula. This joyous event is being heralded by the prophets of judgment and damnation.

They go about the campus distributing their literature. I don't object to them distributing the literature, but to the manner they use. Apart from being fatalistic, it is down-right obnoxious.

A few weeks ago, while talking to someone in the Student Center, I was approached by a young man who offered me a religious pamphlet. I turned down the offer after finding out that it was "god-literature", so the offerer slipped it into the hood of my coat. That's annoying.

That one incident wouldn't have been enough to make me annoyed at the entire movement, but more recently I was sitting in the amphitheater with a friend, enjoying a conversation, when we were approached by another man who had been fortunate enough to "see the light."

Again he offered some sort of religious advertisement and again said that I didn't care to see it. At which point he was kind enough to point out that Christ was going to judge me "soon."

What's "soon" supposed to mean? Am I to take from that that I am about to die, or that "court" will begin here on Campus "soon?" The possibility of dying in the immediate future is certainly a real one but I am not going to spend all my time worrying about that. I'm still worrying about how I am going to pay February's rent.

Religions, with their dogmatic approach to life, have a way of squelching intellectual curiosity. For proof of this, just look at the history of a religion and see how it dealt with conflicting ideas--not only the ideas of dissenting theologians, but of scientists and politicians as well.

The Jesus People site the Bible as their source of redemptive insight. There are others who feel that the Koran or the Torah is the "Holy Book." Which of those "believers" is to say that the other is wrong?

If one is content with his beliefs, he has achieved a certain peace of mind. When people try so hard to push their beliefs down other people's throats, it may be that they are trying to convince themselves.

The disciples of Christ speak of the spiritual starvation on the peninsula. They should keep in mind that what they view as spiritual starvation, others may see as intellectual freedom.

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"Hatchet Carrie" rides again!

By John Holstrom

There are still people who never say die. For good or evil they provide continuity in an age of speedy progress. For instance, that group of mothers known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The WCTU (yes, I too had thought they'd gone the way of nickel beer and seven buck lids) is sponsoring an intercollegiate oratorical contest on Alcohol and Related Problems. If your interests truly lie here I suggest you contact the police science department for they surely have an interest in prohibition of anything, or maybe the chemistry department or at last resort WCTU, 1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 94612. If you really feel strongly about this, their phone number is (415) 834-3680. All I say is that it's a strange address for temperance of any kind.

Anyway, as an occasional drinker, by that I mean I have some alcohol every day even if I have to shoot it up, I was startled by the rules that cover this contest.

In the first couple of paragraphs they state the purpose of the contest. If I may be allowed to quote, ". . . it is imperative that the youth of the nation be encouraged to study the problem of the manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages as related to health, home welfare, crime, safety, national economic security. . .". They also go on about individual happiness and worthwhile aims.

In order to understand the usefulness of these lofty purposes better we should discuss them in the best academic tradition. That is, point by point.

First the study of the problem of alcoholic beverages: Why should the youth be encouraged to study a subject that they can't even buy until they're twenty-one, and a callow youth no longer? The whole statement boggles the mind with contradiction and hypocrisy.

Then comes health. I'll let my uncle Mac answer that. "Aye, now, laddie. What ails ye? Tis nothing but the blessed cold then. Have some of this twelve year old then and ye'll be better a fore the morning."

Home Welfare? Well, that's just an unfortunate choice of words. I'm sure the old biddies would cut off welfare as soon as the beer tap.

As to crime, try to find out the last time someone was mugged by an alcoholic.

Then we have national economic security. Reflect, dear readers on the distillers, brewers, bars, liquor stores, grocery stores, and even the state and federal government. Talk to them about economic security. Of course, it's true that a certain segment would benefit from a second prohibition but then it would just be redundancy.

Individual happiness is another pretty safe statement. Everyone wants to be happy and every little bit helps. For instance, I'm relatively happy after I've had a couple of brews.

I do believe they have something when they come to worthwhile aims. From personal experience, they have a point. Why just last week at the Mission Ranch, I missed the urinal by at least five feet.

I'm not going to even bother with the second paragraph where they go into the ". . . evils and dangers of drink. . ." but would like to skip ahead to the rules.

There we find the proverbial straw. Under subheading two, rule d, we come to the insidious clincher.

"Orations need not discuss Prohibition. However, they should not be at variance with the principle to which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is committed-That Prohibition is the best method of 'control' and that Total Abstinence, not Moderation, is the only safe rule of habit and conduct."

You would think that along with age would come wisdom. Set 'em up again, Joe.

Fearless Leader takes over, students learn new life—style

By John Holstrom

THE SCENE: It is six months after the presidential election of Wallace George. George is being interviewed by a reporter at Monterey Peninsula College. He leans contentedly back in an over-stuffed chair and expels a leisurely ring of cigar smoke.

REPORTER: What changes has your administration made at Monterey Peninsula College, Mr. President?

GEORGE: Many. At 5:30 each morning all the students assemble in front of the flagpole to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. What a sight, 150 across and 20 deep. Astounding!

Q: Mr. President, what about your religious policy. Have there been any changes?

A: Only one. As you know, I don't believe in forced religion, so all we require is for each student to bow and pray five times to the holy city of Montgomery Alabama, each morning.

Q: That's very righteous of you, Mr. President, but how about student life on campus. What sort of changes have been made in this direction?

A: Not many, although we do require all students to march to and from class at double time, and when not in class to be in the Student Center in the seats assigned them, but this is only so we know where they are at all times.

(Reporter touches his chin and turns)

Q: What do the students do in the Student Center?

A: Well, usually they watch the guards march around the buildings, but right now they're eating lunch. You know, we've introduced a new menu. This year we require all students to eat generous helpings of corn bread, hominy grits, hog jowls, and fatback for the Southern Food Appreciation Program, although the rest of the meal is elective except for the southern fried chicken every Sunday.

Q: Aside from food, have there been any other significant changes in requirements?

A: Well, we've introduced some new required courses - White Power, White Supremacy, a seminar; and the Ku Klux Klan, a work shop.

Q: What about Physical Education? Isn't it a federal law?

A: Yes, and in this department the student gets a choice, as is the policy of the college. He can either run 20 miles a day Monday through Friday, or pick cotton all day Saturday and Sunday.

Q: I think this freedom on campus is a very good thing for the students. It helps build charactor.

(George puts his hands behind his head and smiles.)

A: Yes, I believe in a controlled freedom. I find that too little freedom makes the individual rely too much on the state, while too much freedom makes the individual take it for granted.

Q: Then you really do not have much of a problem with the students?

A. None that I can think of, though at first they wouldn't cut their hair.

Q: Yes, I was wondering why you made them cut their hair that way.

A: Well, we figured that if we let them keep their hair the way they wanted, they might also take other liberties as well. That's why we have the boys' hair no longer than ½ inch on the top, and all the girls with pig tails.

Q: But how can the students afford all these haircuts? They're up to $7.50, aren't they?

A: Well, we're not heartless you know. We have a barber on campus who cuts hair in 2½ minutes, and we only charge each student half price, if he has a student body card.

Q: That's very generous of the government, Mr. President. Now, just one more question if I may. Has the new policy on law and order helped stem the ripoff problem at all?

A: Yes. We can now say that ripoffs are almost completely nonexistent because the students do not have time.

Q: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

TM technique is simple and healthy

By Frank McGovern

About 14 years ago, against the advice of his elders, a man left his Himalayan refuge in response to a feeling he didn't completely understand. He began teaching and lecturing in India.

Since that time, his teachings have had a profound effect, not only in India, but also in Europe and the United States. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is not selling a religion or pushing any heavy Eastern philosophy; he is not claiming to have the answer for man's existence; he is teaching a simple technique that has been medically proven to be beneficial to all those who have tried it.

Transcendental Meditation, referred to as TM, is defined by its proponents as a technique for "turning the attention inwards toward the subtler levels of a thought until the mind transcends the subtlest state of the thought and arrives at the source of the thought."

Karen Hudson, an MPC student and teacher of TM, describes the experience this way, "We are always conscious of something. Through TM we transcend the 'something' and what we have left is consciousness itself." She further explained that trying to relate the actual feelings of the experience to a non-practitioner is like trying to describe the flavor of an orange to someone who has never tasted an orange.

There seem to be misconceptions about TM, according to Hudson, a general science major. People have the impression that it is affiliated with a religious philosophy. She stresses that TM simply puts one in touch more closely with himself, both mentally and physically.

In the past two years, clinical evidence has been gathered by medical researchers substantiating such claims. Dr. Robert K. Wallace of the department of physiology at UCLA, writing in "Science" magazine, evaluates his experiment, the observation of 15 students who had been practicing TM for between six months and three years. The subjects were tested continously for an hour--15 minutes before meditating, 30 minutes while meditating, and 15 minutes after.

The results showed an average decrease in oxygen consumption of 20 per cent with an equivalent drop in CO_2 elimination. The heart rate decreased an average of five beats per minute. Skin resistance, indicating excitement, was markedly increased. All responses returned to normal resting level after meditation.

Sandra Rosenkranz, another teacher of TM, says Meditation "normalizes" the system. High blood pressure, heart trouble, and the like are not part of a normally-functioning system. They are the result of stress and tension, what Rosenkranz refers to as "foreign material" in the nervous system. TM can eliminate these "foreign materials."

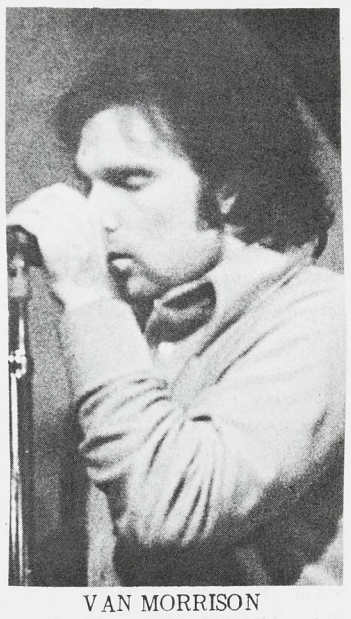
Meditation is not normally practiced for 30 minutes at a time. Hudson explains, "the mental technique is practiced a few minutes twice daily while sitting comfortably." The "few minutes" averages to about 15-20.

Hudson began practicing Transcendental Meditation about two years ago after attending the two introductory lectures. She has since gone on to become a teacher of TM.

Becoming a teacher involves being personally taught by Maharishi. The school for the instruction, which was located in Rishi Kesh, India, is now on the island of Majorca. The Maharishi oversees the ten-week course in order to "maintain the purity of the technique," according to the instructor. 2,000 people are now attending the school.

The number of people getting into Meditation is increasing at a tremendous rate. In January of 1971 there were 50,000 meditators in the United States. That figure has doubled since then. It is estimated that 350,000 people practice TM in the world.

People on the Peninsula are showing enough interest in Meditation that a SIMS (Students' International Meditation Society) house has been established at 130 Fountain Avenue in Pacific Grove. Introductory lectures are offered at regular intervals at MPC. The next one is to be March 9. Announcements will be posted on campus.



VAN MORRISON
Photo by Jan Madison

'Joy' feeds hungry people

By Janet Madison

JOY OF COOKING

Joy of Cooking blew away an audience of approximately 1,000 at Monterey County Fairgrounds Feb. 5. The concert, sponsored by KRML Radio. was attended by a largely young audience -- young meaning 14 or 15 years old.

A local group, California, warmed everyone up so well that the audience was reluctant to let them off stage. Finally, after setting up what seemed to be miles of cords and equipment, Joy of Cooking presented a fantastic show. They did all the songs you could expect to hear, including "Brownsville Mockingbird" and "Only Time Will Tell Me," and concluded with an encore of "Did you Go Downtown?"

Joy of Cooking's onstage performance far surpassed their recorded concerts in quality, and they seemed to derive genuine enjoyment from the engagement.

VAN MORRISON

Piper's Alley in Santa Cruz is bringing some nice people to the area. Piper's Alley was originally a cocktail lounge, and obviously was not designed for live performances or large audiences; but the management handles the situation well with placement of chairs in rows for seating.

Van Morrison appeared Saturday, February 11. About 250 persons were treated to Morrison's unique brand of music, and their excitement was demonstrated by the number of people standing up and dancing in their seats. Unfortunately, this could not be permitted for long since the people in back could not see -- a drag for everyone, including the people who run the place.

Apparently, Van Morrison can sometimes do a really good show, and sometimes do not so well, according to his mood. The show in question could be classified as good Morrison music, without Morrison; that is, he segued from one song into another through the entire show with only occasional glances at the audience to signify its presence.

The backup group performed consistently well, from "Domino" to "Tupelo Honey." Morrison, however, delivered a performance that might be termed "technically superb and emotionally void."

NOTE: John Lee Hooker appears next at the Bull's Eye.

If you are interested in seeing more concert and record reviews, please stop by or write to EY in H-209.

Chicano students unite, "Mecha" looks to future

By John Holstrom

"Mecha," Moviemento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan," is a statewide student organization concerned with the problems and possibilities of Chicanos in the community and on the campus. The club here is growing and now has about 25 members. They joined the ICC at the beginning of this semester.

Presently the club is engaged in fund raising activities and sponsored a Mexican plate lunch February 23. They plan to have "El Teatro de Camasino de Aztlan," an award winning drama group that grew out of the grape strike, come here in March. They're also calling for a state-wide conference of Chicano students to meet in Salinas in April.

At the same time they are organizing politically. "We hope to build alliances between the people in the community, high schools, and here at MPC to help ourselves and to make our problems heard," said Ricardo Barboza, Sergeant of Arms for the club.

They have two representatives in the community, one in Seaside and the other in Monterey. They will organize "Mecha" on the high school level to show Chicano students the possibilities in higher education. They have a voter registration drive to encourage people to register in the La Raza Unita party.

On campus they are active in the Parliament, Peer Counselling, and the ICC. They are also trying to start ethnic study programs for Chicanos. At present there are none.

The other officers of the club, besides Barboza, are: President Ruben Gonzales, who is also a Peer Counsellor, Vice-President Ellene Flores, Secretary Artemus LaDesma, and Treasurer Eddie Razo. Their ICC representative is Liz Campos. She is also a Peer Counsellor and Vice-President of the ICC.

They hold their meetings every Wednesday in H-108 at noon.

Circulate petition to ease pot laws

By Jan Sansom

A proposition to eliminate penalties for adult use of marijuana may be on the November ballot if the California Marijuana Iniative can gather enough supporters.

The statewide group is circulating petitions to obtain signatures of 500,000 registered voters, the number needed to put a proposal on the ballot. They must get 325,486 more signatures to meet the May 1 deadline.

Petitions are currently being circulated on the MPC campus.

The proposal states "no person 18 or older, shall be punished criminally or denied any right or privilege because of his planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, processing, otherwise preparing, transporting, posessing or using marijuana."

The iniative would not change laws regarding sale of the weed, or interfere with laws related to operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of any drug.

Campaign backers say the proposal "is not an endorsement of marijuana." It is simply a move toward decriminalization of that drug.

John Finlator, a former director of the Justice Department's Bureau of Narcotics, agreed saying, "We must stop sending people to jail for smoking marijuana." He contended that there are too many people using the drug to label them all criminals.

College students are no exception. Approximately 44 per cent of college students use marijuana according to a National Institute of Mental Health survey.

MPC Parliament moved to remain neutral on the iniative. "Student government shouldn't be a political sounding board for every issue that comes along," contended Bill Glover, Director of Student Ac ivities. "However, all members of Parliament are free to endorse or reject the petitions," he concluded.

Grass use at MPC is higher than national average

MPC students are 50 per cent higher then the national average. A nation-wide survey conducted over the last semester by the Gallup pollers found that 51 per cent of the college students had tried marijuana at least once. In a similar poll taken here at MPC last semester, El Yanqui reporters found that 76 per cent of the attending students had begun experimentation.

Over a five year period, the Gallup figures have increased ten-fold. In the Spring of '67 only five per cent of the college students had smoked the weed. By the Spring of '69 that figure had jumped to 22 per cent, and by the Fall of '70 it had nearly doubled to 42 per cent.

The Gallup poll findings were based on information gotten from personal interviews of 1063 college and university students on 57 campuses. The EY conclusions were put together from information gathered from 315 anonymous questionnaires distributed to students and faculty.

George Gallup reported that about five per cent of the college population, nation-wide, are "heavy" users; that is, they are over 200 lbs. No, that's wrong. It means that they use it 25 out of every 30 days. EY reported that 45 per cent of the 76 per cent of those who have tried grass use it "daily of as often as they can lay their hands on it." That works out to 34.2 per cent of the campus.

It's hard to say why we have such a high percentage of high students; maybe it's the veterans, or maybe it's just California, or maybe it's both, or none of the above.

World travel class offered

A University For Man course is now being offered to anyone who is contemplating going abroad or to any one of the five continents. It is "World Passport" and the group is being led by a graduate of the International School of Travel, Gale Havens.

Individual itineraries will be prepared by the students as one phase of the instruction. A complete series of Travel Adventure films in color will be shown.

The initial speaker, on March 1, will be student H. Keith Pierce. Pierce has just completed a Round-The-World trip which lasted 13 months. Other speakers will be world travel experts such as owners of various travel agencies on the Monterey Peninsula, college professors, language instructors, foreign language specialists and foreign students attending MPC.

As a special project, students will discuss raising funds from donations to establish a tax-free scholarship this Spring, for the purpose of permitting one person to travel around the world on a "Travel-Study Scholarship."

According to "World Passport", students can learn how to travel more and spend less.

"World Passport will be held Wed., March 1 at 7:00 pm in room SS-102. More information can be obtained by phoning the UFM at 375-9821, ext. 248 or Gale Havens at 375-0406.

EXCERPT FROM A FIRST GRADE READER

By Jim Goldstein

Look, Spot,
See Ronnie run,
See Ronnie win.

Look, Jane,
See Dick run,
See Dick win.

Look, Jane and Spot,
See Ronnie and Dick run,
They run to the right,
They run fast.

Swim team season is well under way

By Ben Franklin

Bill Rodriquez kept a two-lap lead at the finish of the 40-lap race in a swimming meet which matches MPC with Modesto.

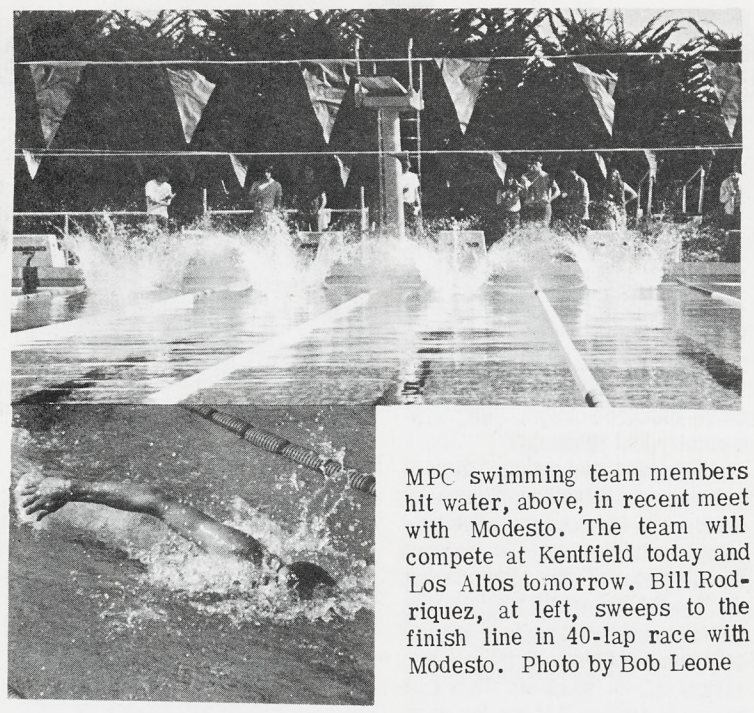
Eight records were broken. With scores of 91-20, the Lobos walked all over the Modesto team.

Rodriquez took the 1000-yard freestyle in 10 minutes, 54.8 seconds, and the 200-yard backstroke in 2:12.2. All-American Randy Harris took the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:20.7. Chad Hoffman did the 200-yard freestyle in 2:01.4; Don House did the 100-yard freestyle in 52 and Jack Southard did the 50-yard freestyle in 23.8.

All-American Bob Horn set a three-meter diving record of 231.30 points, and the team of Horn, Harris, Rodriquez and House set a new record of 3:29.1 in the 400-yard free relay. Other winners were the team of House, Harris, John Dickinson and Rich Monroe doing the 400-yard medley relay in 4:17.5.

Larry Jung did the 200-yard individual relay in 2:16.4; Thad Sigourney did the 500-yard freestyle in 5:46.7; Hoffman the 200-yard butterfly in 2:19.2 and Horn took the one-meter diving event with a score of 211.7.

The team met with West Valley last Friday and Concord Saturday, when it took part in the NCJC relays. Other meets will take place today and tomorrow when the Lobos match Marin and American River in Ketfield and take part in the NCJC relays in Los Altos.



MPC swimming team members hit water, above, in recent meet with Modesto. The team will compete at Kentfield today and Los Altos tomorrow. Bill Rodriquez, at left, sweeps to the finish line in 40-lap race with Modesto. Photo by Bob Leone

John Free is PM, new faces elected

By PK

Student elections drew 240 voters - about 12 percent of the student body - last week.

A few new faces were voted into the government. In the Justice Department, Tom Culala is Chief Justice and Kaja Clark and John Maak are Associate Justices. Maak was the only incumbent. Overall, Parliament does not look very different than it did before the elections.

Two important issues were approved. The first, an initiative permitting refunds for ASMPC cards if requested, passed with a simple majority of 57-36. The other, a referendum to make a law that Justice Department decisions be typed, given to Parliament, and made available to the student body, passed 82-8. (This had been done traditionally but was not included as a by-law.)

The Justice Department ruled that the refund initiative is unconstitutional. The ruling was based on a judicial decision made last semester.

Parliament elected John Free as Prime Minister this week. Until now Free has been the interim Prime Minister because of Ben Culala's resignation.

Free was elected during the Parliament meeting Wednesday. There was almost no discussion among the members before the election and Free was swept into office.

Gordon Elliot, Free's closest opponent for PM, was elected chairman of Commons, and John Rand was named to the chairmanship of Lords.

The newly-elected Parliament members are: House of Commons-Gordon Elliot, Ruben Gonzales, Josey Hollins, Steve Hughes, Mike Muniz, Rudy Rosales, Edgar Rosales, Don House; House of Lords, William Priest, Debi Scholton, Les Strnad, John Wren and John Free.

Student participation was encouraged by the use of three voting booths - one in the Student Center, one near the Music Building and one near the Humanities Building. Workers were in radio contact with the Student Center booth to maintain a fair election.

People stationed at the door of the Student Center also encouraged voting. However, their efforts could not persuade those who said, "I don't care."

A response common to many non-voters was that feeling strange prevented them from voting. "Student elections have the stigma of being rah-rah," explained one non-voter.

Viet veterans

By PK

A recently organized anti-war club, Vietnam Veterans Against War, received recognition as a temporary club from the Inter-Club Council and the Review and Articulation Committee last week.

Among the objectives presented to the ICC is full amnesty for those who have refused to serve in the military. The members will work to change social, political, and economic institutions that have caused and permitted war. The VVAW included the theme of non-violence in its statement of purpose.

Dr. Robert O'Brien, philosophy instructor, and Mr. David Sawyer, math instructor, agreed to be co-advisers to VVAW. Dr. O'Brien suggested that an initial objective referring to application of the principles of Nuremberg to the war in Indochina be changed to include all war. This change was made prior to RAC approval.

There will be a meeting tonight at 7:30 pm in H-202. A constitution for full membership in the ICC will be among the points discussed.

Landscaping class

By Bill Nagy

The results of a semester-long project by Jerry Mailman's Ornamental Horticulture class can now be seen unfolding on the east end of the campus. Grounds have been broken for landscaping of the area between the Music Hall and the Engineering buildings.

After the initial OK was given last semester the MPC Grounds Division set up a priority system for the program. Number one priority was given to the area between the Music Hall and Engineering buildings, and then Mailman's class set its wheels in motion.

Saturday morning field trips were arranged to survey the land and to decide how the various areas of the lot would be developed. The three areas of development decided upon were: placing of trees, changing of grade, and the building of a rock.

Back in the classroom the class divided into three groups each to draw up plans for the three areas of the land. From these three groups emerged four overall plans.

The final step for the students was presenting their plans to the Ornamental Horticulture Advisory Board for approval.

Certificates of Achievement were given to the following students: Robert Jayne Jr., Clarence Aiona, William Burgess, Edward Coleman, Pamela Elliott, Harlan Hoyt, Jose Lafayette, Paul Martinez, Arthur Nobida, William Ratliff and Van Staton. Jayne was the student leader.

Mel Mason takes over as YAFA economic development head

Former MPC All-American basketball player Mel Mason, newest member of Young Adults For Action, discussed the responsibilities and objectives of his position in a recent interview.

As Economic Development Director of the Seaside community service organization, he is responsible for developing, interpreting and evaluating economic development projects.

Citing economic underdevelopment as "one main reason" for crime in minority communities, Mason explained YAFA's interest in criminal rehabilitation. Because "a young Black person's only hope for finding suitable employment is to leave his community and go elsewhere.... our main objective is to provide meaningful employment for the people -- especially the young people -- of our community," he said.

YAFA projects currently in the offing include an iron works plant to produce earthquake bracing and a rubber stamp operation to serve as a place of employment for convicts on the work-furlough program.

"To summarize it all, I guess you could say that we plan to develop a component that would be inter-related with other components, including all governmental agencies and educational resources that would contribute and have interest in the overall goal to eliminate poverty," Mason added.

Individuals interested in contributing time, money or energy to Young Adults For Action may contact the YAFA Center at 445 Palm Avenue, Seaside, telephone 899-2521.

Petition gets thumbs down

A petition that did not reach the ballot in last week's elections was a proposed constitution for ASMPC which would do away with the present one.

This petition, introduced by H. Keith Pierce, would have changed the nomenclature of the student government. Parliament would have been called Student council and Prime Minister would have been designated President.

The proposed constitution would have allowed the student government to proceed as it is. According to Pierce, "Present procedure is unconstitutional and my petition would make it constitutional." The problem lies in having a bicameral legislature.

"Bicameral" means that there are two branches, Commons and Lords, acting separately. Under this system a quorum requires a majority present in each house -- that is, two separate quorums.

Present operation permits a quorum to exist with a majority of all members of Parliament. This means that if all members of Commons are present, a quorum exists, even without representation from the Lords.

The petition would have combined the two houses into one body and this type of quorum would be constitutional. The situation could be remedied by dropping the word bicameral or by making Parliament act in the appropriate manner.

Pierce admits that his petition might have been interpreted as a recall of an office-holder.

In this case, the petition would have needed signatures amounting to 20 per cent of the student body, instead of the 50 signatures needed for an initiative or referendum.

The petition placed the election of the executive branch in the hands of the students. At present Parliament elects such officers. Not only was Pierce's petition refused, but Pierce was not re-elected.

Sandoman leads

Mike Sandoman has been elected President of the Inter-Club Council; Suzanne Rawlings is Secretary, and Lizz Campos is the Vice President.

ICC meets every Thursday at noon in the ASMPC Conference Room, and, according to Sandoman, is open to all clubs and non-members.

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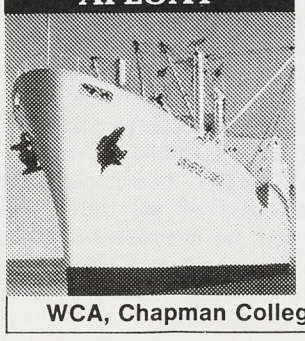

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